



Canyon Call

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The **Canyon Call** is your newsletter! We want to hear from you.

Email tips, stories, articles, recipes or whatever else you'd like to share to Sarah at scla.news@sunsetcanyon.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

BULK TRASH PICK UP DAY IS MAY 14, 2022



Waste Connections continues to be the preferred provider for trash collection in Sunset Canyon. Once a year, they will provide FREE curbside collection of bulk waste for residents who are currently contracted with Waste Connections for weekly trash collection service.

Residents may each set out up to four cubic yards of bulky items. Fence posts, boards, pipe, tree limbs, and similar items must be free of protruding nails, screws and wires, be no longer than 4 feet in length, and individual items no larger than 4 inches in diameter. Brush and limbs must be tied with string, rope or wire. The material to be collected should be on the curb by 7am.

Items listed in the Bulk Pricing List will be picked up for FREE but the total number of such items, plus bags and bound limbs, etc. can not exceed four cubic yards. If the four cubic yard limit is exceeded, then the customer should make arrangements for additional pick up at a cost given in the Bulk Pricing List posted on the SCLA website.

No hazardous wastes, flammable liquids, harsh chemicals, oil, wet paint, rocks, dirt, concrete blocks, bricks, or large tile will be collected. Refrigerators and A/C units must be tagged to be free of CFC's by a certified technician. Lawn mowers and weed eaters must not contain oil or gasoline. Water softeners and heaters should be drained of water.

For trash volume estimating purposes, consider the following:

A 96 gallon wheeled trash cart will contain about 0.475 cubic yards of material. Thus the volume of 8 carts is slightly less than 4 cubic yards.

NOTES FROM 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

SUNSET CANYON LAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the SCLA was called to order on January 24, 2022 at 7:02pm in Sunset Canyon Baptist Church by Vice President Randy Foster.

The following board members were present:

Randy Foster (Vice-President)

Alan Kleymeyer (Secretary)

Joan Thomas (Treasurer)

Lynn Dawson (Director)

Paul Wiljanen (Director)

Approximately 27 people attended.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Walt Smith - County Commissioner Precinct 4.

- **Connection at Oak Meadow**

A connection will not be considered until a school is built in Headwaters, and then only after extensive review of impact to the neighborhood. Currently, there is no school funded in that location but there is property set aside for one.

- **Trautwein Intersection**

In 2016, a road transportation bond funded the light at the intersection to 290. Nothing else was funded. When Walt took office they reviewed the road and were able to find money for future enhancements. A plan is in place to rebuild and add turn lanes. Build contract expected in March for 90% of the work. During construction, that intersection will be completely shut down, but three to four months prior, there will be a notification of schedule and detours.

- **290 Traffic**

TXDOT completed a traffic impact study from the Y to Blanco. There are planned improvements up to Sports Park, but the county has little influence over improvements needed to meet the needs of the 124 people moving into our county every day.

- **Repaving Sunset Canyon Neighborhood**

This is the first time Sunset Canyon has been repaved. The North side was almost finished before cold weather set in. Chip sealant requires a certain night temperature, so estimate the work will resume in March. After the last portion of the North side is finished, work on the South side will begin.

- **General**

- Contact the Commissioner's office if anything needs service, like stop-signs.
- A new road, Patriots Hall Blvd., will connect with Pier Branch in Sunset Canyon. Early 2023 completion estimate.
- Plans to add signs at Canyonwood/290 light " No Headwaters Access"



Gary Cutler - Hays County Sheriff

Congratulated us for having a safe neighborhood with an active patrol.

Sheriff's App of Hays County, free app available you can download.



Ron Hood - Constable Precinct 4.

Constables are officers of the court that serve people required to appear in court. They are also peace officers who make arrests, issue tickets, and investigate accidents.

M-F 6am - 6pm, not holidays or weekends

When you are going on vacation, you can contact their office for close patrol (drive by), and they will walk around, checking doors and windows if given permission.

They also offer fingerprint service and are available to help with locked keys in a vehicle.

Email list - subscribe and they will pass along sheriff's office crime report (Send email to Ron at ron.hood@co.hays.tx.us)

Shout-out to Paul and the Citizen patrol volunteer program. This contributes to the safety of our community. We have largest VIP program in area with 33 participants.



Scott Collard - Fire Chief, North Hays County

Funded by our property taxes and local sales tax

Combination Fire Department - Use volunteers and career staff, and they are always eager to accept more volunteers. Current roster is 60 volunteers, 40 career staff. The main location is on Sportsplex Rd, but there are currently 6 six stations with a seventh building planned. The service area is 245 square miles.

Our neighborhood enjoys a quick response and we have water/hydrants available.

Database for gate codes - Contact the non-emergency number and provide your gate code.

This is a secure database, only accessible to first responders (Call 512-393-7385 and select option 1). If the code is not in the database, they may have to tear up the barrier to access the fire. There is a Knox system available for \$170. It is a secure box with a key to enter house to help people with low mobility.

Hays County Fire Marshall - Reminder to burn natural products only- no trash or lumber. Please notify them when you plan to do control burns. Through their website you can also request a visit for advice about mitigating fire around your home.



Doug Fowler - District Administrator North Hays EMS

There are three ambulances covering the area- 2 full time, 1 part time- averaging seven calls per day There are three locations (Sports Plex, Sawyer Ranch Fire station, Business Park Sawyer Ranch) and 60% of calls originate on the east side. They are in the process of building two new facilities by Fall 2023, with plans for three more once funding is secured.

Response times:

Currently, with a new CAD system, 17 minutes. 10 min. is the national average, but we will be closer to the national average once the new locations are added.

Three things that cause problems & slow downs:

Gates

Lack of reflective house numbers

Driveways. If Delivery Truck can't access house, EMS truck can't get down (Tree limbs common hindrance)

Information to have at the ready:

File of life (refrigerator magnet) recommended

- Identify medications

- Insurance info

- Doctors Info

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

There was a motion to approve minutes from last year, approved by unanimous consent.
Vote to accept slate of board members approved by unanimous consent.
The winner of the drawing for the \$50 HEB gift card was Nancy Schindler.

Treasurer's report

Generally flat year to year, we spend what we bring in. The goal is to continue increasing membership numbers so that we don't have to raise dues. There were 319 members this past year.
We lost board member and newsletter writer, Peggy Grambo, this year. Sarah Wigfield took over newsletter responsibilities. Please email scla.news@sunsetcanyon.org with any items that you would like to have included in the quarterly newsletter

Infrastructure

Our community does not handle repairs to street signs or potholes, but we care happy to report any issues for you if you inform us. Please contact Gary Hale at (512) 858-5637.

As a community, we have no property, however we do maintain entrance signs along Hwy 290. West Travis County Public Utility Agency (WTCPUA) has an inspection program for fire hydrants. We called after the Oakwood fire, but there is no guarantee that every hydrant is tested. We can contribute by trimming brush and grass around hydrants on our property.

Welcome Committee

38 homes were visited this year, and already there are 31 new residents to welcome in the coming year.

Citizens Patrol

Volunteers are always needed. You will:

- Set your own patrol schedule
- Put flashing lights on your car's roof and signs on the car doors
- Help neighbors find lost pets
- Discourage door-to-door solicitors
- Alert authorities to signs of fires
- Check for street signs needing repair

Please consider a \$10 donation to help new volunteers get all of the supplies they need.

DO YOU NEED TO BURN BRUSH ????

The Hays County Fire Marshall's office now has an online system for Open Burn Permits. The system is easy to use and the burn permits are free and good for seven days. The purpose is to protect you, your property, and the neighborhood. The system will notify individuals, when they activate their permit, if a burn ban is in effect or if it's a 'Red Flag' day and burning is not allowed. Additionally, if something happens, help can get to your location home more quickly as they have prior knowledge of the burn.

You can obtain your permit here:

<https://www.hayscountypermits.com/>



COMMUNITY CORNER

- H.E.B broke ground on March 4, 2022 for their new store at 290 and Nutty Brown Road.
- Be patient with the Postal Service! The package tracking system will show that your package is out for delivery as soon as it is scanned onto the truck in the morning, so please allow the full day for it to arrive. If you have not received it by the next business day, contact the post office for more information.
- Please be considerate of your neighbors! Pick up your pet waste when walking your dogs.



THE WELCOME COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

We are always looking for people to join in and help us with our welcoming activities. It does not take a lot of time, and the rewards are great. You will meet the nicest people who are moving here. If you can help, please call our chairman, Sandy Hale, at 512-858-5637 or scla.welcome@sunsetcanyon.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 14- Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
Apr 11- Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
May 9- Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
May 14- Bulk trash collection for Waste Connections customers. Pick-up begins at 7am.
(SCBC – Sunset Canyon Baptist Church)



MEMBERSHIP DUES

The 2022 dues notices have been mailed. Your payment of \$35 helps us provide:

- insurance for the board and all our volunteers
- quarterly newsletter
- welcome packets for new homeowners
- entry way maintenance
- website hosting and maintenance

You still have the option to mail your payment to the SCLA at P.O. Box 588, Dripping Springs, 78620 or pay online at sunsetcanyon.org/payments.

In 2021, we had a total of 319 paid members out of 734 homeowners. We would like to see a greater number of paid members in 2022. This helps keep our dues at the current \$35 rate.

Association Information

SUNSET CANYON LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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Welcome Committee...Sandy Hale (512) 858-5637
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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the Sunset Canyon Baptist Church usually on the **second Monday of each month**. Any changes to the monthly meeting dates will be posted on our website- sunsetcanyon.org. All residents are welcome to attend. If you have any issue to bring before the Board, please let the Secretary know at least three working days prior to the meeting.

OAK WILT

The best time to prune oaks is July through January, when fungal spores are least likely to infect a tree. Always paint pruning cuts on oak trees. Any type of paint can mask the smell of a fresh wound from the beetle that can carry oak wilt spores.

In our area, Live Oaks are the most frequently infected. Learn to identify the signs below:



Healthy live oak leaves



Live oak showing symptoms of oak wilt

SUPPORT YOUR SUNSET CANYON CITIZEN PATROL

It's neighbor's helping the neighborhood! Marked vehicles driven by local residents are now patrolling the neighborhood. We need your help by either volunteering time to patrol and/or make a minimum \$10 donation to help cover operating expenses.

Please send your donation to:

Sunset Canyon Landowners Association
PO Box 588
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

For more information email Paul Wiljanen at scla.vip@sunsetcanyon.org.

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Want to know what your property could sell for right now?

Hi Neighbors,

Since the Austin area property values have skyrocketed over the past year, would you like to know what your property could sell for right now? Even if you aren't interested in selling, this could be helpful for **protesting taxes, refinancing, or even taking out a home equity loan**. Call, text, or email me and I will be more than happy to provide a complimentary broker price opinion on your property. My family and I have lived in Dripping Springs for eleven years, have spent the last two in Sunset Canyon, and I would love to not only share my expertise with you but to get to know more of my neighbors as well!



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